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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231Date: August 16, 2001  
Docket No. YOR919960153US4  
Prior Art Unit:  
Prior Examiner:

Sir:

This is a request for filing a [ ] continuation [ ] divisional [X] continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(2) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/098,233 filed on June 16, 1998 of Braudaway et al. for PROTECTING IMAGES WITH AN IMAGE WATERMARK.

1. [ ] As last amended, the title has been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. [ ] As last amended, the name of applicant has been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. [X] Enclosed is [ ] a copy of the oath or declaration as filed in the prior application or [X] a new oath or declaration.

[X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THIS APPLICATION	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE
			=	\$710.00
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	17	- 3 = 17	X \$80.00	= \$1,360.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOTAL FILING FEE				= \$3,348.00

- [X] Charge any fees which may be required, except for the Issue Fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0468.
6. [ ] Add in this application Claims to the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
7. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: - This is a [ ] continuation [ ] division [X] continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/098,233, filed June 16, 1998, which is a "division" of application Serial No. 08/0738,930, filed October 28, 1996.
8. [ ] Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
9. [ ] The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
10. [ ] An appointment of associates is enclosed.
11. [X] Address all future communications to Louis P. Herzberg, IBM Corporation, Intellectual Property Law Dept., P.O. Box 218, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598.
12. [ ] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.
13. [ ] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.
14. [X] Claims 76-81 in this continuation-in-part are from copending divisional application, Serial number 09/098,232, allowed on April 10, 2001. A copy of the Notice of the Allowance is included.



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In re application of: Braudaway et al. Date: August 16, 2001  
Serial No.: Prior Group Art: 2723  
Filed: Prior Examiner: M. Dastouri  
For: PROTECTING IMAGES WITH Docket No.: Y0R919960153US4  
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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The filing of the Continuation-in-part for this application continues the continuation of application Serial number 09/098,233 filed June 16, 1998. This continuation-in-part is filed to enable consideration of old and new matter, and IDS material.

The IDS is submitted to comply with 37 CFR 1.56 and includes references listed on the attached 1449 form which were acquired as a result of a notice of an interference provocation, an/or a third party request for reexamination of the issued parent patent U.S. number 5,825,892.

Please find enclosed a listing (PTO Form 1449) of these references which may be relevant to the above-referenced application. This listing of references is not a representation that a search has been made, that better references than listed do not exist, or that other references are not applicable. Moreover, this listing does not constitute any admission by applicants or applicants' representative that the information provided herein is necessarily prior art to applicant' invention.

This continuation in part includes additional claims to better protect the original invention for the applicants and claims to protect the new matter included therein. Claims 76-81 are from a copending divisional application, Serial number 09/098,232 which was allowed on May 4, 2000. Serial number 09/098,232 is abandoned herewith.

Please charge any fee necessary to enter this paper to deposit account 09-0468.

Please address all correspondence for this application to the undersigned.

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